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Virginia Beach Woman Sentenced for Using Identities of Others

(Norfolk, Virginia) - Karyna Yolanda Ordonez, age 34, of Virginia Beach, Virginia was sentenced Monday by United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman to 21 months in prison on two counts of unauthorized use credit account numbers. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement. Judge Friedman also ordered Ordonez to pay restitution in the amount of \$27,468.46 to the victims of her offenses. Ordonez had pled guilty to these charges on August 17, 2006.

According to court documents, beginning in August 2004, Ordonez submitted at least 18 fraudulent credit applications to receive in excess of \$48,000 in goods and services in the Hampton Roads area. In order to further her fraudulent scheme, Ordonez used the identity (names, social security numbers, partial dates of birth) of a deceased woman and of a three year-old girl, the daughter of an acquaintance of Ordonez. Using this identifying information, Ordonez was able to obtain credit cards, credit installment accounts, and even an automobile loan in the names of these two females. In addition to her identity theft fraud scheme, Ordonez stole at least one credit card from the home of a 79 year-old Virginia Beach man where Ordonez had been employed as a home health care nurse to assist man's disabled spouse. Ordonez used the man's credit card at a Virginia Beach Wal-Mart where she was caught on surveillance video at the check-out line.

The case was investigated by the Norfolk Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Virginia Beach Police. Assistant United States Attorney Stephen W. Haynie prosecuted the case for the United States.

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